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TO BUILDERS

Tenders will be received for the election of a brick Presbytery for Rev. Father McPhillips, Uptergrove, up to SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, by the undersigned. Plans and specifications can be seen at the offices of the undersigned, Barrie and Orillia.

KENNEDY, McVITTIE & CO.. Architects.

Notice to Contractors

TENDERS FOR STREET LICHTING

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be re ceived up to 7:30 p. m., JULY 6711, 1896, for lighting the streets of the town of St. Marys with electricity for a period often years.

For particulars apply to the undersigned. The lowest owany tender not necessarily accepted.

L. HARSTONE, Clerk Town of St. Marys.

TENDERS

Will be received up to first of June for the erection of a frame residence in Barrie and for alterations, and additions to a frame residence in Gravenhusst. Plans and specifications to be seen at the offices of

KENNEDY, McVITTIE & CO., Architects, Barrie and Orillia.

SEALED TENDERS

Will be received up to JUNE 2ND for furnishing ma terial and labor for slate roof for Town Hali. Aylmer, Ont. For specification and particulars apply to

JUNIUS T. BRADLEY,
Town Clerk.

Tenders Wanted

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned, until noon, JUNE 6711, 1896, for

STEAM HEATING. ELECTRIC WIRING, ETC.

Young Mens' Christian Association Building, London,

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

MOORE & HENRY, Architects, London, Ont.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

TENDERS FOR TANKS, GATES AND CONNEC-TIONS FOR NEW G-FOOT STEEL CONDUIT

Tenders will be received by registered post only, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Control, City Hall, Toronto, Ont., up to 5 oclock p.m. of WEDNESDAY, JUNE 38D, 1896, for the construction of one steel tank, 11 feet square and 10 feet deep, with three viv-feet gates and hoisting gear

One steel tank, 8 feet x 9 feet, 15 feet deep, with centre pillar and guides for wood gate, complete.

One steel tank, 6 feet x 7 feet, 14 feet 6 inches deep, with gates for stop logs; the necessary connections between the tanks, the existing shore crib, and the existing 5 feet steel conduit.

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Drawings and specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Toronto, on and after Wednesday, May 20th, 1896.

A deposit in the form of a marked theque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of 5 per cent, on the value of the work tendered for up to \$1,000, and 2½ per cent, on the value of the work tendered for over that amount, must accompany each and every tender, otherwise they will not be entertained.

Tenders must bear the bona fide signatures of the contractor and his sureties, or they will be ruled out as informal.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

BERNARD SAUNDERS, Chairman Committee on Works,

R. J. FLEMING, irman Board of Control.

Toronto, May 8, 1896.

FOR SALE

A crimped wise cage and about 30 ft. of grille, three double-standing desks, and a quantity of bank furniture of walnut. For particulars address

POWER & SON, Lion Block, Kingston.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Laying New 6-Foot Steel Conduit

Tenders will be received by registered post only, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Control, City Hall, Toronto, Ont., up to 5 o'clock p.m. of WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 1896, for laying the

6-FOOT STEEL CONDUIT

to replace the present wooden one from the connecting crib on Toronto Island to the bell buoy crib in Lake Ontario, a distance of about 2,358 lineal feet, including the laying of the necessary

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Tenders must bear the bona fide signature of the contractor and his success, or they will be ruled out as informal.

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Toronto, May 8, 1896.

BUSINESS NOTES.

A. S. Black, contractor, has opened at Rossland, B. C.

T.P. Wallace, a carpenter of Halifax, N. S., has made an assignment.

Brunt & Nickerson, builders, Halifax, N. S., have dissolved partnership.

S. Patton, contractor, Niagara Falls, Ont., is reported to have assigned to H. L. Inglis.

Watson & Geiger, plumbers, Victoria, B. C., have dissolved. Thomas Geiger continues alone.

A meeting of the creditors of William Simpson, contractor and planing mill proprietor, Toronto, has been called.

The assignment is announced of Stewart & Killackey, felt roofers, Toronto. Liabilities \$6,000 to \$8,000. The assets are chiefly in equities in real estate.

The Rossland Brick & Lime Co., Ross-nd, B. C., has dissolved, Thomas land, B. C., has dissolved, Thomas Haley and Hugh Glencross retiring, and Andrew Hackett continuing alone.

CONTRACTS OPEN.

TWEED, ONT.—J. F. Davis, grocer, will erect a store and dwelling.

TRAIL, B. C.—R. T. Daniels will build a four storey hotel at this place.

NEWBURG, ONT.—T. A. Dunwoodie will build a residence this summer.

FERGUS, ONT.—The town will lay a granolithic sidewalk on St. Andrew's street.

LISTOWEL, ONT.—Tenders are invited for the construction of a bridge over the Maitland river.

WINTERBOUNE, ONT - School Section No. 12 will erect a union school house, at a cost of \$2,000.

NORWICH, ONT.—Mr. Bartholemew, of the Norwich Gazette, will build a brick office, 30×40 feet.

THEORY CENTRE, ONT. — Henry Benost purposes erecting a dwelling, cor. Fort and Catheart streets.

PRESCOTT, ONT.—It is reported that the C. P. R. will build an elevator here of 2,000,000 bushels capacity.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—The Board of Education have decided to remodel the interior of the Central school.

HULL, QUE.—The Wakefield Council have decided to build an iron bridge over the Peche, at a cost of \$2,500.

SARNIA, ONT.—Tenders for the repaving of Front street will be received by the Town Clerk until the 26th inst.

HUNTSVILLE, ONT.—Plans for a waterworks system have been submitted to the Provincial Board of Health for approval.

NORTH BAY, ONT.—A grant of \$4,000 has been made by the Provincial government for an addition to the court house.

NEWMARKET, ONT. — Mr. Bunny, architect, is preparing plans for a double store to be erected on the site of the Saxton block.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—The Collegiate Institute Board have under consideration improvements to the building, to cost \$5,000.

MOOSOMIN, N. W. T.—Humphreys & Sons, pork packers, will erect buildings here, to cost \$12,000, provided a bonus is given them by the town.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—The Maritime Winpper Co. have commenced the erection of a building on King street, 90×60 feet, and three stories high.

GALT, ONT.—Jno. Scott is considering the erection of an opera house.—The G. T. R. will probably erect a new station here near the Baker house.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—It is stated that the Trennamin property on the north side of Queen square will be purchased as a site for a new hotel building.

BURNS, ONT.—Tenders are invited by John Watson, clerk of Mornington, until the 30th inst. for the purchase of \$32,000 of 4 per cent. twenty year debentures.

TILBURY, ONT.— D. F. Henry, 52 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich., writes that he is preparing plans for waterworks extension, for the acceptance of the council here.

IRONSIDE, ONT.—The building committee have decided to proceed at once with the erection of a new Methodist church. Particulars may be obtained from Rev. G. A. Bell, pastor.

ELLICE, ONT.—John Pearson, township clerk, will receive tenders until the 27th inst. for improving and extending the Whitl Creek drain. Plans may be seen at the clerk's office, Sebringville.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—John Stacey has made an offer to the city to electrify the street railway and light the city with 2,000 candle power lights for \$10,000 per year. The matter has been referred to a committee.

CHATHAM, ONT.—Tenders will probably be invited this week for the erection of a new school building, and an addition to the present building, plans for which have been prepared by C. R. Oldershaw, architect.

TRURO, N. S.—The Merchants Bank has purchased property, corner Prince and Church streets, on which to erect a brick or stone building, 76×90 ft., three stories high, plans for which have been prepared.

ELMIRA, ONT.—The Evangelical Association will erect a parsonage, to cost \$2,000, from plans prepared by Chas. Moogk, Waterloo. From plans by the same architect Isaac Hibborn will erect a \$2,000 residence.

PETROLEA, ON1.—Plans for the proposed system of waterworks for the town have been submitted to the Provincial Board of Health for approval. The source of supply will be Lake Huron. Willis Chipman, Toronto, engineer.

MILVERTON, ONT.—The by-law to authorize the erection of a new school building was carried by the ratepayers last week, and steps will be taken at once to secure its erection. H. J. Powell, architect, of Stratford, is preparing the plans.

WATERLOO, ONT.—The council will shortly lay some new sewer pipes, and also some cement pavements, for which tenders will be called shortly.—Chas. Moogk is preparing plans for a residence for C. W. Shiedel, to cost \$2,500, and a residence to cost \$1,600.

TILSONBURG, ONT. — M. L. Buffy, architect, of London, has prepared plans for the new town and fire hall. It will be two stories, with basement, 48 × 80 feet. On the second floor will be an auditorium with gallery. The building will be built of brick, and will cost \$7,500.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Geo. E. Kidd, solicitor, of Ottawa, gives notice of applying for incorporation of a company to construct a steam or electric railway from this town to a crossing of the Saskatchewan river, at or near Grand Rapids, thence to Hudson Bay, with branches.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Plans are in course of preparation by Mr. D. G. Baxter, architect, for two kindergarten schools, to cost \$1,200. Kindergarten furnishings will be required.—The Catholic societies have purchased the Cabinet hotel here and will expend \$5,000 in refitting the building for lodge and club purposes.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Tenders are invited by W. A. Mittleberger, treasurer, until the 30th inst. for the purchase of \$350,000 of debentures.—Wm. B. Allen, architect, will receive tenders until 5 p. m. on Friday, May 22nd, for the erection of a brick dwelling house on Yate street, including plumbing and heating.

MONCTON, N. B—Tenders are invited by D. Pottinger, General Manager Intercolonial Railway, until the 27th inst. for the supply of oil required for one year from July 1st next.— Joshua Peters, manager of the R. F. & N. Co., will erect a large three-storey brick building this summer on the site of his present residence.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Tenders are invited by John Mearns, M. D., until Tuesday, the 26th inst., for the erection of a Presbyterian church, corner Hunter and Riddell streets. Plans may be seen at the office of the architects, Burke & Horwood, Toronto, and at the office of Alexander White, architect, Woodstock.

LONDON, ONT.—The City Council have refused to grant the Board of Education the sum of \$40,000 for school buildings, and the Board will probably ask for \$20,000.—The Mayor states that the erection of the G. T. R. car shops will be commenced at once.—Proposals are invited by John Pope, treasurer, until the

29th inst. for the purchase of upwards of \$200,000 of debentures.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—Plans are being prepared by Mr. D. G. Baxter, architect, of Stratford, for the ervire remodelling of the St. Mary's Methodist church. There will be required steel columns, griders and trusses, new floors, furnaces, about 1,500 to 1,800 feet of pews, frescoe work, &c. The improvements will probably cost from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

PETERBOROUGH, ONT.—Messrs. E. C Capey, T. B. Callister, James B. Williams and Dr. Purnell, of Rochester, were recently in town with a view of purchasing the Burleigh Falls hotel, in which case it is the intention to improve the buildings.—Government engineers are preparing plans for a railway bridge across the river at Auburn.

PERTH, ONI.—The by-law to grant a bonus of \$5,000 for an electric railway has been carried.—Louis H. Tache, secretary of the company holding a franchise for a waterworks system, has requested the Council to permit of certain modifications. It is proposed to do away with the water tower and use a double system of pumps. The engineer for the company is Mr. Mignault.

HAUFAN, N. S.—Elliott & Hopson, architects, have prepared plans for a residence, corner South and Pleasant streets. It will be two stories, finished in hardwood, gables in half timber and cement, with ornamental terra cotta tympanum, basement walls of buff brick marble, trimmed. It will contain five bed rooms, bath room, laundry, store room, parlor, kitchen, dining room, etc.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The plans of Arthur Ellis, architect, of Kingston, have been accepted for the new school building here, to cost \$7,000. It will be two stories high, and contain four class rooms, 22 ft. 6 in. × 33 ft. 6 in. The ceilings will be 12 ft. 6 in., that in the basement being 7 ft. 6 in. high. Metal roofing and ceilings will be used and Kilsey warm air generators put in for heating.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The Kingston Dairy school will be enlarged.—Arthur Ellis, architect, has prepared plans for an extension to the Baptist mission house, Union street.—W. Newlands, architect, will receive tenders until 6 p. m. on the 21st inst. for remodelling a stone building on King street for C. Millan.—Arthur Ellis, architect, has been asked to submit plans before September 1st for a ten room school at Brantford.

HAMILTON, ONT.—It is the intention of the city authorities to issue annuities to raise funds for the following works: Collegiate Institute and Normal School, \$85,000; jail purchase, \$36,000; sewerage interception system, \$85,000.—The projectors of the Hamilton, Chedoke and Ancaster railway have requested the council to make a grant of \$22,000. The railway is to be a trolley line extending along the Beckett line to Chedoke, thence to Ancaster.—Work will be commenced at once on the South street and Robinson street sewers. The former will cost \$9,600 and the latter \$7,800.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Plans are being prepared by H. S. Griffith, architect, for a two-storey solid brick block for J. J. Mitchell, photographer.—It is the intention of the Central Canadian Loan & Savings Co. to erect a three-storey brick building, with stone foundation and stone dressings, on the north-east corner of Notre Dame and Main streets.—The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have purchased a site between King and Princess streets upon which to erect this summer a large elevator.—Tenders are asked by Geo. Browne, architect, until the 25th inst., for erecting a stone foundation under residence.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Market Committee will ask the City Council for a grant

of \$100,000 for the proposed extension of Bonsecours market.—Plans have been accepted for the reconstruction of the old Academy of Music.—Amongst the works contemplated this year by the Harbor Commissioners are eight hundred feet of wharf at Windmill Point, and the construction of one of the wharves called for by plan No. 6, together with the usual dredging in the harbor. Mr. Kennedy will also report on the proposal to either close up the thousand feet opening between the Mole and the Victoria bridge or to reduce it to three hundred feet.-Building permits have been granted as follows: one house, 32 x 78 ft., on St. Hubert street, for S. L. de Bellefemille; architects, Roy & Gauthier; contractors, masonry, Ouimet & Labelle; carpenter and joiner's work, Lambert & Son; probable cost \$8,000. One wood house, lined with brick, on Dufferin st., for E. Riopelle. Reparations of a house on St. James st., stone and brick, for the Standard Life Insurance Co.; contractors, Simpson & Peel, all trades.

BERLIN, ONT.—A large number of residences will be built here this summer, among which will be the following: Jno. Mosser, two houses, \$3,000 each; Geo. Zeigler, 1½ storey house, \$1,800; Saul Sauder, house, two stories, \$2,500; Peter Otter, 3 houses, \$2,500 each; S. Wing, house, \$2,000; Jno. Dufeubacher, two houses, \$2,500 each; H. Sharlock and Wm. Sharlock, two houses, \$1,700 each; Wm. Slomkoski, house, \$1,700 each; Wm. Slomkoski, house, \$1,700; Levi Snyder house, \$2,000, and a barn, \$1,000; Alex. Schaumaker, house, \$2,000; Levi Snyder house, \$1,200; Jos. Fairnbauch, house, \$1,200; Jos. Fairnbauch, house, \$1,200; Jos. Fairnbauch, house, \$1,200; The city will spend \$1,000 in sanitary arrangement at the Central public school. They will lay several hundred yards of granolithic sidewalk and also construct some new sewers.—Geo. Schlee, Alex. Wrenshaw, Joe. Speiz and Mr. Pullman will each erect a new residence. — There is some talk of a new opera house being built here.—Hon. Samuel Merner proposes erecting an hotel, for which Chas. Knechtel is preparing plans.—The Lang Tanning Co. will shortly have a number of vats built.

OTTAWA, ONT .- The council has given notice of its intention to construct an artificial stone sidewalk on both sides of Queen street, between Elgin and Bank streets, at a cost of \$4.953.—G. M. Bayley, architect, will receive tenders until Wednesday, the 27th inst., for the erection of a residence in this city.—Messrs. Butter-worth, hardware merchants, have purchased property on Sparks street, which they will erect a large building.-County School Inspector Smirle ha recommended that an addition be built to the Richmond Model School, at a cost of \$1,000. - J. H. Balderson, Secretary Department of Railways and Canais, will receive tenders until Friday, June 12th, for the deepening and enlarging of the Iroquois canal. Plans may be seen at the office of the chief engineer, Ottawa, and at the superintending engineer's office, Cornwall. - Geo. M. Bayley, architect, is preparing plans for a house on Cooper street, a shop on Bank street, and altera-tions to two other properties on Bank st. He is also making extensive alterations and additions to the McAllister property, Pembroke.—F. J. Alexander, architect, is calling for bulk tenders up to noon of Teusday, the 26th inst., for the erection of a dwelling house on Daly ave., for Mr. Moss. Same architect has prepared plans for a three storey warehouse to be erected on George st., for Kenneth Mc-Donald, to be built of stone and brick, with pressed brick and terra cotta trimmings.

TORONTO, ONT.—The City Engineer has recommer led the construction of a brick pavement on Wellesley street, at a cost of \$2,700.—A site in Trinity College

grounds has been granted upon which to build St. Hilda's college.— The York Township Council have been asked by the Interclub Association of Wheelmen for permission to construct a cinder path from the Woodbine through Norway to the Scarboro line, and another up Yonge street.—Mr. Russell, C. E., of Glasgow, recently interviewed the City Council in reference to the establishment of steel works in Toronto.—Tenders will be re-ceived by the Ontario government until Tuesday, the 26th inst., for the supply of coal required by the various public institutions .- A meeting of the provincial directors of the Huron and Ontario Electric Railway was recently held in this city, at which M. McNamara, of Walkerton, was elected president, and A. McK. Cameron, of Meaford, secretary. The route of the proposed line was adopted and proposals for the construction of the road considered. The first sections to be built will extend from Walkerton to Kin cardine and Goderich, and from Flesher ton to Meaford.-In connection with repairs to cedar block pavements, the City Engineer in his fortnightly report suggests that tenders be invited for re-blocking such streets as may be duly and properly authorized by Council to be tenewed, at a stated price per square yard. He has has been asked to report thereon.—The construction of a brick pavement on Wellesley place will be proceeded with.—By the will of the late Col. F. C. Denison, the sum of \$1,000 is to be held by the executors until a church is built near St. John's cemetery, Humber when the money and interest is to be devoted to the erection of a parsonage. Building permits have been granted as follows: Jos. Watson, 24 Bernard ave., pr s. d. two-storey and attic bk. dwellings, 310 Brunswick ave., cost \$5,400; Mr. Smellie, 99 Jamieson ave., additions to dwelling, cost \$5,500; Bryson Bros., two storey bk. dwelling and bake shop, 326 Delaware ave., cost \$2,100; Wm. Booth, 115 Bedford rd., pr. s. d. two-storey and attic bk. and stone dwellings, 118 Bedford rd., cost \$5,000; Separate School Board, one-storey and basement bk. school house, 55 Sackville st., cost \$2,500.—Ground has been broken for new dwellings on west side of Brunswick ave., north of Bloor st.—Messrs. Burke & Horwood, architects, have prepared plans for a new building for the Dominion Cold Storage Co., to cost \$40,000. Tenders will be called shortly.

FIRES.

The Imperial Lumber Co.'s saw mill at Warren, Ont., was burned recently at a loss of about \$40,000.—A portable saw mill at Hardingville, N. B., owned by James R. Hoey, was destroyed by fire a fortnight ago. Loss \$5,000; no insurance.—Three mills of the Hawkesbury Lumber Co., at Hawkesbury, Ont., were completely consumed by fire on the 10th

inst. Loss, \$100,000, fully covered by insurance.—Moore's portable saw mill, situated on Loch Lomond road, St. John, N. B., has been burned.—A stone building at Peterboro, Ont., owned by the Auburn Milling Co., and occupied by Meditum. McAllisier, millers, was destroyed by fire on the 14th inst., together with Wynn's saw mill and office. The total loss is placed at \$150,000. The mills will be rebuilt at once.—Fire at Manotick, Ont., on the 11th inst., destroyed John McCaffray's hotel, J. J. Lynch's dwelling and carpenter shop, John Wilson's shop, P. Teaven's store house and the Catholic Forester's hall. The loss on the buildings is placed at \$6,000. T. C. Danson's saw mill at Renfiew, Ont., has been burned. Loss on building and machinery, \$3,000, no insurance.—Eby's saw mill and a quantity of lumber at Floradale, Ont., has been destroyed by fire. A terrace of houses on Bannatyne street, Winnipeg, owned by Alex. Bain, have been burned. Loss, \$6,000.—The buildings in connection with Smith's brick yard at Owen Sound, Ont., which had recently been fitted with new machinery, were consumed by fire on the 17th inst. Loss \$3,000; no insurance.—H. J. Kilbourne's cut stone residence at Owen Sound, Ont., has been burned. Loss on building and contents, \$5,000; insurance, \$1,400.—At Sarnia, Ont., on Sunday last fire destroyed the King Milling Co,'s flour and oatmeal mill, together with warehouses and elevator, also the hub and spoke works of J. S. Lougheed & Co. The former are owned by Mr. King, and were valued at \$30,000. The loss to J. S. Lougheed & Co. will be about \$40,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BERLIN, ONT.—Boehmer & Schlee have the contract of laying the cement sidewalks in this town for 1896.

HAVELOCK, ONT.—Mr. Knox has secured the contract for building a new Methodist church, at the price of \$2,300.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The tender of W. Spence, for a sewer on Mary street, has been accepted. Price 33½ cents per foot.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT. — Newman Bros., of this city, have been awarded the contract for building a residence for Jos. Doran at Niagara Falls.

NEWMARKET, ONT. — Mr. Bunney, architect, has recently let contracts for two new residences for Isaac Silver, corner Prospect avenue and Timothy streets.

PETERBOROUGH, ONT.—The excavating contract for the proposed Y. M. C. A. building has been awarded to Thomas Reahill, George Henry and Michael O'Donell.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The tender of D. E. Spragge for the supply of from 500,000 to 1,250,000 feet of pine lumber, at \$13.25, has been accepted by the council.—The



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BELLEVILLE, ONT.

contract for Jas. Ryan's 2 storey solid brick block, 38 × 60 ft., has been awarded by H. S. Griffith, architect, to A. Spencer, contractor. The same architect has let the contract of Frith's residence to W. W. Cross.

WESTPORT, ONT. - Contracts for the Presbyterian church have been let as follows. Carpentry, Westpoir Furniture Co.; masonry, T. B. Taber; plumbing, metal roofing and ceilings, Elhott Bres. Arthur Ellis, architect, Kingston.

TORONIO, ONI.—Worthington, Garratt & Armstrong have secured the steam heating contract of the new Jewish synagogue on Bond street.—The plumbing contract of four stores at 84-90 Yonge street has been awarded to the Benneit & Wright Co.

MONTREAL, QUE. — The Lachine Rapids Hydraulic & Land Co., have awarded the contract for twelve 100 h. p. generators to the Canadian General Electric Co., of Toronto.—A. C. Hutchison, architect, has awarded contracts as son, architect, has awarded contracts as follows: Onehouse at St. Henry, Montreal, for the Merchants Mfg. Co.—masonry, Peter Lyall & Sons; carpenter and joiner's work, John Morrison; roofing, Geo. Reid; plumbing and heating, F. Fiorton; brick, Peter Lyall & Sons; plastering, S. Gosseli; painting and glazing, J. E. Blackwell.

OTTAWA, ONT.—J. R. Booth has awarded the contract for a steel bridge across a river at the terminus of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway to Brewder & McNaughton, of this city. The amount of contract is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The bridge will be 300 ft. long.—The Dominion government have let the contract for bridge will be 300 it. long.—The Dominion government have let the contract for the new post-office building at Arnprior to Fortin & Gravelle. Amount of contract, \$25,000. The building will be of stone.—G. M. Bayley, architect, has let the contract for a residence at Britannia.

LONDON, ONT.—Contracts for new buildings at the Westen Fair grounds have buildings at the Westen Fair grounds have been let as follows: Brick work, boiler and engine, John Hayman & Sons, \$367; double horse barn, Tambling & Jones, \$4,612; interior of barn, W. L. Lucas, \$325; single horse barn, Broadbent & Mooie, \$3,800; interior of same, Win. Reynolds, \$223; cattle, sheep and swine sheds, John Purdom, \$6,195; interior of same, Maurice Inwood, \$328, and W. L. Lucas, \$66.60; carriage shed, Jones Bros. Lucas, \$96.60; carriage shed, Jones Bros., \$2,772; interior of same, Maurice Inwood, \$168; poultry addition, W. L. Lucas, \$385.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT .- The following is a summary of the totals of the bids on sections Nos. 1 and 2 of the Niag tra Falls

sewerage system, received May 13th, 1896: Section No. 1 (brick sewers and outlets) - Garson & Co., St. Catharines, \$21,003, Clement & Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y., \$21,501; Abbot-Gamble Co., St. Louis, Mo., \$21,787; Piggott & Ingles, Niagara Falls, Ont., \$22,959; Wm. F. Grant & Co., Toronto, \$23,824; Philips & Young, Niagara Falls, N. Y., \$24,180, J. H. McKinght, Toronto, \$24,897; Rowan & Eliont, St. t. schattness, \$25,002, H. C. A foung, Adgara Falls, N. 1., \$24,180,
J. H. McKnight, Toronto, \$24,897; Rowan & Liliant, St. Catharines, \$25,902, H. C. Symmes, Nagara I alls South, \$26,090, Newman Bros., St. Catharines, \$27,100,
A. J. Brown, Toronto, \$27,300; Tilden & Co., St. Catharines, \$27,435; Barry & Ross, Niagara Falls, \$30,358.65; Sewell & Smith, Windsor, \$40,125. Engineer's estimate, \$23,000. Section No. 2 (pipe sewers)—Clement & Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y., \$17,880; Pigott & Ingles, Niagara Falls, Ont., \$19,253.27; Abbot-Gamble Co., St. Louis, Mo., \$19,642.43; L. D. Groom, Niagara Falls, Ont., \$20,254.05; Garson & Co., St. Catharines, \$22,250; J. H. McKnight, Toronto, \$23,050; Tilden & Co., St. Catharines, \$25,113; Barry & Ross, Niagara Falls, Ont., \$24,136; Makin & Cookman, Niagara Falls, N Y. \$24,600; Wm. F. Grant & Co., Toronto, \$25,540; Newman Bros., St. Catharines,

\$26,775; H. C. Symmes, Niagara Falls South, \$28,050; Rowan & Elliott, St. Catharines, \$30,628. Engineer's estimate, \$22,500. The award of contracts was made by the Municipal Council on Monmade by the Attinicipal Council on Mon-day, May 18th, to Garson & Co., for sec. No. 1. at \$21,003, and to Pigott & Ingles, for sec. No. 2, at \$19,253.27, or a total for both sections of \$40,256.27.—The super-structure contract of the new steel arch bridge has been awarded to the Pennsly-vania Steel Co., of Steeleton, Pa.

P. Picotte, contractor, Montreal, is endeavoring to compromise.

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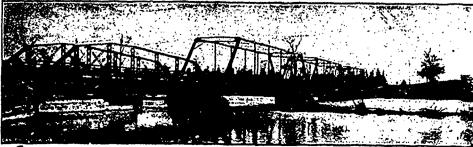
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THE ACTION OF HEAT ON CEMENT.*

By J. S. Donte, Grad. S. P. S.

The modern tendency towards large and high buildings, with a skeleton structure of steel, has made the question of fire prevention and protection one of the most vital importance to architects, manufacturers, engineers, and builders in general. Countless experiments have been made to devise some means of preventing iron and steel columns and girders from buckling under great heat. Plainly, the only way this can be done is by so protecting the metal that heat cannot come into contact with the metal surface.

Experiments have also been made, and numerous schemes introduced, to devise some means of making a floor between the girders that will withstand the action of fire, and so prevent a fire, even if started, from spreading from one flat to another. Hollow tile, brick, and terra cotta have been tried with indifferent success; and at present the tendency is towards using Portland cement or concrete as a protection for ironwork.

It is not the purpose of this paper to propose or condemn any scheme, or to introduce any new one; but rather to show what really may be expected from a mass of concrete or cement when subjected to great heat. The writer has carefully examined all available literature upon the subject, including books and trade catalogues; and while many give tests which are claimed to be eminently satisfactory, still, in almost every case, the accounts give such meagre information about the tests themselves as to be almost useless, as far as information is concerned, and certainly so as far as comparisons with each other are concerned. The information as to the action of the cement itself is, in every case, very meagre; and all the information given refers only to the conduct of the system tested, and no information whatever is given as to its condition afterwards.

In making these tests three brands of cement were used—two Canadian brands: "Star," manufactured at Deseronto, and "Samson," from Owen Sound; one foreign brand," Jossen," of Belgium manu-These cements were thoroughly tested for fineness, strength, and "blow ing," before using, and were found to be first-class. The "Star" and "Jossen" were comparatively slow-setting, and the "Samson" set very rapidle.

Samson set very rapidly.

Tests were made upon neat briqueties and sand briquettes, mixed in proportions of one sand to one cement, two sand to one cement, and three sand to one cement. The age of the briquettes varied from two months to about four Over two hundred briquettes were used in making the tests.

The briquettes were heated in a small assay furnace, heated by a large gas burner, and which gave a range of temperatures of from about 650 Fahren-heit to about 1775° Fahrenheit.

The temperatures were determined by means of a water calorimeter; the temperature of the furnace being obtained from the rise in temperature of a pint of water, in which had been immersed an iron ball of known weight, and which was heated to the temperature of the turnace. The temperatures given are approximately correct. The calorimeter gave good results—different readings, under the same conditions, rarely differing by more than 10° or 15°, which is very close for such high temperatures.

On heating the briquette and removing from the furnace, the first thing noticed was a loss in weight in the briquette; and almost all neat briquettes showed cracks, some large and some small. Some sand briquettes also showed cracks, but not to the same extent as in the neat briquettes; but there was no exception to the change in weight. This loss in weight is due to the fact that the hardened cement is a compound of hydrated crystals of aluminum silicate and calcium silicate, and the heat drives off the water of crystallization, and the loss n weight corresponds to the amount of water of crystallization driven off by the heat. Now, since the crystals depend upon the water for their formation, it is evident that when the water is removed the crystals are destroyed, and the cement ruined. Such was found to be the case in every instance.

The briquettes, after cooling sufficiently to allow handling, were broken in the testing machine, the load being applied at the rate of about 400 pounds per minute. The result showed a marked decrease in the tensile strength, as reference to Tables I. and II. will show; and, under the best conditions, this loss in tensile strength showed an approximate proportion to the loss in weight. Briquettes which lost 19 or 20 per cent. of weight, which is practically the amount of water required for proper crystallization, were practically unable to resist any load whatever, and in very few cases possessed

10 per cent. of their original strength. The effect of different temperatures was rather peculiar Briquettes placed im-mediately into a temperature of about 1775° Fahrenhei, showed a very great loss in strength for a very small loss in weight, and did not appear to follow this law of proportion between losses of weight and strength, at least not nearly so well as briouettes treated differently. When as briquettes treated differently. When the briquettes were gradually heated, however, and allowed to slowly rise to the temperature of the furnace, this law was followed quite closely, as reference to tables will show. The plotted curves give a good idea of the effect of slow and rapid heating on the relation of the cement to this law. This is accounted for by the fact that the cold briquette, on being placed in the furnace at such a great heat, is immediately subjected to very considerable internal stresses, due to the expansion of the outside of the briquette before any water of crystallization at all is driven off. Briquettes, heated gradually, were not subjected to these internal stresses to nearly the same extent as those which were heated very suddenly.

An attempt was made to discover, if possible, a critical temperature to which it would be possible to subject the cement without danger of injury to the crystals, and where the cement would retain its cohesive powers. It was found that, such a temperature existed, it was below the lowest temperature generated by the furnace, which was considerably below red heat. The lowest temperature had the same effect as the highest, excepting, of course, that with the lower temperature a longer time was required to effect the same reduction of weight than with The lowest temperature a higher one. necessary to destroy the cement was not determined, but it is probably quite low. The following quotation from Heath's "Manual of Lime and Cement" is interesting regarding this. "Even good Portland cement concrete, if exposed to the weather during a hot, dry summer, with no supply of moisture available, will probably be found covered with a network of innumerable hair-like cracks, which are signs of the beginning of disintegration, the natural and inevitable result of the loss of the water of hydration of the cement." (Heath's "Manual of Lime and

Cement," page 75.)

The only neat briquettes which were not cracked by the heat were some very old ones, about four years old, which were tested. Most of these were uncracked, although some that were very suddenly heated cracked somewhat. All the newer briquettes cracked, the cracks being very

large in most cases.

After cooling, the briquettes were found to be quite soft, and could easily be crushed between the fingers. This was especially noticeable in the case of those briquettes which had lost the most water of hydration. These briquettes were like lumps of dry mud or clay, and a very slight pressure was sufficient to crush them completely. Briquettes which had not lost so much water were harder, while those which had lost only about one or two per cent. of water were quite hard. Of this latter class, however, those briquettes which had been heated suddenly ere much the softer.

Briquettes which were cracked on removing from the furnace showed the cracks much distended and widened out on cooling, and most of those which had not cracked in the furnace showed cracks

on standing for a day or two.
All sand briquettes, whether cracked in the furnace or not, entirely disintegrated on standing in air for a time, the cementing material having been entirely destroyed. Those sand briquettes which had lost most of their water of hydration disintegrated first, and those that had lost less followed soon after. Six briquettes of two sand to one cement were placed suddenly in the most intense heat, and left for about three minutes and removed. Thev lost from three to four per cent. in weight, and two of them which were broken showed a complete loss of tensile strength; one breaking before any load was applied, and the other going at about eight pounds. The remaining four were eight pounds. The remaining four were set away, and in a couple of days commenced to crumble, the edges going first, and leaving an irregular mass in the centre. This, however, resisted for some time, but in about three weeks they also were completely disintegrated. It was thought that the sudden application of very intense heat would cause the water of hydration to be removed from the outside, only, and that the inside would remain solid, and resist weathering. results, however, showed that although the outer part of the briquettes suffered most, as is shown by the rapid disintegration, still the heat also affected the inner part, and caused its ultimate disintegra-These briquettes were too hot to be handled comfortably when weighed, after removal from the furnace, and it is quite probable that the heat still remaining in the outer portion caused a still further loss of water of hydration in the parts in the centre of the mass. The low tensile strength of these two briquettes was probably caused by the sudden heat causing great internal stresses in the briquettes. The parts of the two broken briquettes also behaved in the same manner as the unbroken ones.

(To be Continued.)

Mr. J. MacFarlane, Dominion analyst, has gone to England, for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the utilization of city sewage in Europe for the purpose of fertilization.

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MONTREAL. Little change has taken place in the market for builders' supplies. From the west there is a fair enquiry. Arrivals of cement for last week were 2,000 barrels of English, against 4,220 English and 5,205 Belgian for the previous week. The feature of the week was a sale of 1,000 barrels of Belgian on western account. In car load lots and small quantities a number of sales are reported. The arrivals of fitebricks were 140,000, which are selling at \$16 to \$22. A better tone has taken hold of the glass market, the volume of business for the week showing the volume of business for the week showing an increase.

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38 11		33 00		33 00
" " 44 ft		34 00		36 CO
Cutting up planks, 11/2 and		•		•
thicker, dry	5 ∞	28 00	25 00	30 00
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В. М.				
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in mooring, dressed, F M.2	900	30 00	28 ∞	31 00
135 tucu mooting tongu'n Wit	5 00	22 00	18 00	22 00
1 1/2 in. flooring, dressed, F.M.2 11/2 inch flooring, rough, B.M.1 11/2 if dressed, F.M.2 11/2 if undressed, B.M.1	500	28 00	27 ∞	30 00
undressed, B.M.	00	19 00	1800	19 00
1% " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	ິພ	20 00	18 00	22 00
undressed r	200	15 00	12 00	15 00
beaded sheeting, dressed 2	0 ∞	35 00	22 00	35 00
Beaded sheeting, dressed2 Clapboarding, dressed XXX sawn shingles, per M		12 00	8 ∞	12 00
AAA sawn sningles, per M	- 1			
r8 in	2 60	2 70		3 00
Sawnlath	2 50	2 60	2 50	2 60
Cedar		2 90		2 90
Cedar	∞ .	40 00	30 ∞	40 00
wnite	700	45 00	35 00 18 00	\$5 ∞
Basswood, No. 1 and 22	8 00	30 00	18 ∞	20 00
Cherry, No. 1 and 2	000	90 00	70 ∞	80 00
white ash, No. 1 and 22	4 00 j	35 00	30 00	35 00
White	9 ∞	30 ∞	18 ∞	30 00
	• • •	22 00	16 ∞	22 00
Picks. American inspection	3	00 00		40 00
Three uppers, Am. inspection		50 00		50 00
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Toronto. Montreal.	TOTORIO. Portland Cements.—	Montreal.
Common Walling	Newcastle " 2 ro	185 195
Present Brick Bon 95	English, artifical, per bbl., 461 2 00	265 275 255 265 173 185
Ked, No. 1, I.o.b. Beamsville 16 co	Belgian, natural, per bbl 230 240 Conadian 4 230 250 Roman 4	180 185
Buff	Parian	5 50 5 75
Brown 24 00 Roman Red 30 00	Hydraulic Cements.—	800 900
Brown	Thorold, per bbl 150 Queenston, " 150	1 25 1 50
Sewer	Napanee, " 150 Hull, " 150 Ontario, " 125	1 50 1 50
Hip Tile (ench)	Ontario, "	4.50 4.75
Ridge Tile	Keene's Coarse "Whites" 4 50 4 75 Fire Bricks, Newcastle, per M 27 00 35 00 Scotch "27 00 35 00 Lime, Per Barrel, Grev	15 00 21 00
and " " " 1200 1500 1rd " " " 800 1209	II II White	-
Hard building brick 6 50 Ornamental, per 100 3 00 10 00	ii ii N S	2 50
SAND,	Hair, Plasterers', per bag 80 100	_
Per Load of 1 Cubic Yards 1 25 1 25 STONE.	Cut nuils, 50d & 60d, per keg 265	2 25
Common Rubble, per toise, delivered 14 00 14 00	CUT NAILS, FENCE AND CUT SPIK	¥ 50
Large flat Rubble, per toise,	40d, hot cut, per you lbs	2 30
Foundation Blocks, per c. ft. 50 50 Kent Freestone Quarries	30d, 11 11 275 20d, 16d and 12d, hot cut, per	2 35
	100 lbs	2 40 2 45
ft., f.o.b	8d, 9d, 11 11 290 6d, 7d, 11 11 305	2 50 2 65
Ballochmyle	4d to 5d, " " 3 25 3d, " " 3 35 2d, " " 4 4 5 5 6 5	2 85 3 25
Granite (Stanstead) Ashlar, 6 in. to 12 in., rise 9 in., per ft. 25	4d to sd cold cut, not polished	3 75
Moat Freestone	or blued, per 100 lbs 3 15 3d to 5d cold cut, not polished or blued, per 200 lbs 3 55	2 75
Credit Valley Rubble, per car	FINE BLUED NAILS.	3 15
of 15 tons, at quarry 8 00 Credit Valley Brown Cours- ing, up to 10 inch, per sup.	3d, per 100 lbs	3 75 4 25
yard, at quarry	CASING AND BOX, FLOORING, SHOOK AND TO NAILS.	DBACCO BOX
Sion, per cu. it. at quarry 60 75 Credit Valley Grey Coursing.	12d to 3od, per 100 lbs 2 50	2 60
Credit Valley Grey Dimen. 150 200 215	8d and od, " "	3 70 3 80
Clark's N. B. Brown Stone	2/1	3 05 3 20
per cubic foot, f.o.b r 15 r 200 Brown Free Stone, Wood- point, Sackville, N.B., per	FINISHING NAILS,	3 60
Cub. 10	3 inch, per 1∞ lbs 3 10	2 95
Madoc Rubble, delivered, per toise	2 to 2 1/2	3 10 3 25
o. v. 1 oromo, per cubic it. 30 32	1½ to 1½ " " " 350 1½ " " " 4 00 1 " " 4 50	3 45 3 85
OHIO PREESTONE, PROM THE GRAPTON STONE CO.'S QUARRIES.	SLATING NAILS.	4 35
No. 1 Buff Promiscuous 99 100 No. 1 Buff Dimension 95 105	4 ^d , " " ····· 335	2 95 2 95
No. 1 Blue Promiscuous 60 70 No. 1 Blue Dimension 65 75	zd, " " 425	3 35 3 85
Sawed Ashlar, No. 1 Buff, any thickness, per cub. ft 1 to 1 20	COMMON BARREL NAILS.	2 25
Sawed Ashlar, No. 1 Blue, any thickness, per cub. ft 8, 90	7/3 " " " 425 4 " " 475	3 35 3 60 4 35
Sawed Flagging, per sq. ft., for each inch in thickness. 061/2 071/2	CLINCH NAILS,	
Cape Bauld, N. B., Brown Freestone	3 inc., per 100 lbs. 3 35 2½ and 2½ " " " 350 2 and 2½ " " " " 365	2 95 3 10
stone (or.vergreen)	1½ and 1¾ " 385	3 25 3 45
Above prices cover cost freight and duty paid. For small lots add 5 to 10 cents per cubic foot. Quebec and Vermont rough	1 1 500	4 10 4 60
granite for building pur-	SHARP AND FLAT PRESSED NAILS. 3. inch, per 100 lbs. 3.75	3 45
poses, per C.it. t.o.b. quarry 33 1 50 For ornamental work, cu. ft. 35 2 0 Granite paving blocks, 8 in. to	2½ and 2½ " " 400 2 and 2½ " " " 420	3 60 3 75
12 in. x6 in. x4½ in., per M 50 00 Granite curbing stone, 6 in.x	1½ and 1¼ " " 440	3 95 4 60
20 in., per lineal foot 70	STEEL WIRE NAILS.	5 16
Rocting (* square).	Steel Wire Nails, 75 % discount from p.	rinted list
11 red 18 00 20 00 11 purple 00 10 00	Iron Pipe: Iron pipe, K inch, per foot 6c.	6c.
untading green 900 600 black 800 550	H H 35 H H 7	81/2
Ornamental Black Slate Roof-	11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12 17
ing	11 11 12/4 11 1 . 24 11 11 12/4 11 11 . 30	24 30
PAINTS. (In oil, % 15. White lead, Can., per 100 lbs. 6 25 5 50 5 50 6 00	Toronto, 65 per cent. discount.	43
Red lead, Eng 400 500 450 500	Montreal, 60 to 65 per cent. discount.	
venetian, per 100 lbs 160 175 160 175 vermillion 90 100 90 100	Lead Pipe:	
Yellow ochre	Waste pipe, per lb	
Yellow chrome	Galvanized Iron:	•
Black lamp 15 25 12 25	Adam's—Mar's Best and Queen's Head: 16 to 24 guage, perlb 4%c. 4%c.	
Oil, linseed, raw, & Imp. gal. 54 59 58 59	20 guage, 434 5	
refined, 78 85 75 75	Gordon Crown—	
Danis white Par 100 tos 75 100 00 75	26 guage, 4½ 4¾	
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Umber, " 8½ 12 12 15	Steel Beams, per 100 lbs 275	2 50
OEMENT, LIME, etc. Portland Cements.—	angles, '4 2 50	2 60 2 30
German, per 5bl 3 25 2 55 2 65 London '' 2 50 2 75 1 92 2 05	tees, 280 'i plates, 255 Sheared steel bridge plate	2 65 2 35
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